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October 1, 1956

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received a letter from Ambassador Conant dated July 13, 1956, a copy of which is enclosed, concerning the recruiting of scientists in the Federal Republic of Germany, by and through the United States military services.

Ambassador Conant believes the scientist recruiting operations were highly beneficial and appropriate while Germany was not an active partner in Western defense, but, with Germany now a member of NATO, he considers it essential that they be discontinued. He states that unless this is done promptly, we cannot hope that Germany will truly cooperate with us in developing a joint weapons research program.

Copies of Ambassador Conant's letter were given to your Department earlier on an informal basis, and it was discussed by Dr. Conant with Dr. Furnas during his recent visit in Washington. I am now referring it to you officially. I support Ambassador Conant's recommendation and hope that there can be an early resolution of the problem.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ JOHN FOSTER DULLES

Enclosure:

Letter.

The Honorable
Charles E. Wilson,
Secretary of Defense.

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